

TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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THE PACKAGE: PART 1







I'VE BEEN A HIKIKOMORI FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.



A person with dark hair and a mustache is shown from the chest up, holding a white game box with both hands. They are looking down at the box. The background is a simple room with a window on the right.

HEHE
I CAN FINALLY
TRY OUT THE
GAME.



A person is shown from behind, sitting in a chair and playing a video game. They are looking at a large television screen that displays a bright, white image. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt. The room has a window on the right and a desk with a computer monitor on the left.

WOW,
THE GRAPHICS
HAVE DEFINITELY
GOTTEN WAY
BETTER.

I WONDER
HOW FUN IT
WILL BE.



DAMNIT,
I WAITED ALMOST
FIVE YEARS FOR
THAT.



COMPANIES
LIKE THAT CAN
JUST GO STRAIGHT
TO HELL.

ANYWAY,
WHO THE F**K
ARE THOSE BASTARDS
WHO SAID IT WAS
FUN?

ARE
THEY FREAKING
BLIND?



LET'S
SEE..

ARE
THERE ANY NEW
POSTS..?

SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TODAY

POSTER : O_O DATE : 2017

FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, I HAVEN'T LEFT MY HOUSE
EXCEPT TO GO TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
THEN TODAY, I HAD TO MAKE A LONG TRIP BECAUSE OF THIS
ONLINE VENDOR WHO INSISTS ON MAKING DIRECT
TRANSACTIONS. ON THE WAY, I WAS SO BUSY STARING
AT THE GROUND TO AVOID PEOPLE'S EYES THAT I GOT
CONFUSED AND GOT OFF AT THE WRONG STATION.
THEN I MET THE VENDOR AND... MAN.
I WAS STUTTERING LIKE A TOTAL IDIOT THE WHOLE TIME,
AND I THINK I GAVE HER AN EXTRA 10,000 WON BILL BY
ACCIDENT. I THOUGHT ABOUT WHETHER I
SHOULD ASK HER TO CHECK BUT THEN

TWO YEARS?
HE'S STILL A
BEGINNER.

ACCIDENT... I THOUGHT ABOUT WHETHER I
SHOULD ASK HER TO CHECK BUT THEN
I ENDED UP JUST LEAVING WITHOUT
SAYING ANYTHING... AM I AN IDIOT OR WHAT?
I NEVER USED TO BE THIS WAY BUT IT SUDDENLY GOT WAY
FREAKING WORSE... BUT THAT VENDOR WAS KIND OF PRETTY.

WRITE A COMMENT

TAP TAP

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE... DON'T WAIT ANY...

PLAYBOY... SO WHAT DID YOU BUY?

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TAP TAP TAP

JUST TELL US THE VENDOR'S NUMBER, I WANT TO GO OUT FOR A

PLAYBOY... SO WHAT DID YOU BUY?



AH..
I'M HUNGRY..

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THAT GAME
THAT I STARVED TO SAVE
UP FOR TURNED OUT
TO BE SUCH CRAP.



UGH,
MY HEAD..I

THROB

THE
HUNGER IS
MAKING MY HEAD
HURT EVEN
MORE..



FRKK,
GODDAMMIT,
SERIOUSLY!

I NEED
A BREAK...

SSK

WHAT
SHOULD I
DO ABOUT
WORK...?

I REALLY
SHOULD GO OUT
AND LOOK FOR A JOB
TOMORROW.

NO.. IN MY
CURRENT STATE,
I WON'T BE ABLE TO
DO ANYTHING PROPER
AND I WILL JUST GET
KICKED OUT
ANYWAY.



I'LL
START LOOKING
NEXT WEEK.

I THINK I SAID THIS KIND OF THING LAST MONTH, TOO...

WELL, I HAD NO CHOICE AT THE TIME,
I HAD TO FINISH BEATING A GAME THAT I HAD BOUGHT...

BUT I'M REALLY GOING OUT NEXT WEEK...
THIS IS THE END OF MY LIFE AS A HIKKOMORI!

DAMNIT.. I COULD HAVE LIVED
LIKE THIS IF MY DAD WERE STILL ALIVE..





HUH..?



W..WHAT'S
THIS..?





A PACKAGE..?

A person with dark hair, wearing a dark shirt and pants, is standing in a dimly lit room. They are looking down at a large, rectangular cardboard box on the floor. The room appears to be an office or a workspace, with a desk and a computer monitor visible in the background. The lighting is low, creating a mysterious atmosphere.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
GETTING ANYTHING
LIKE THIS.



A person is standing in a doorway, looking out. The person is wearing a dark shirt and pants. The doorway is framed by a dark frame. The person's face is not visible. The background is dark and indistinct.

DID
SOMEONE
BREAK IN..?

NO,
NO ONE WOULD
HAVE DONE THAT..
THERE WOULD BE NO
REASON TO..

DO I HAVE
DEMENTIA OR
SOMETHING...?

JEEZ,
THIS THING
IS SO HEAVY THAT
IT WON'T EVEN
BUDGE..!



A hand holding a pen, with a speech bubble containing text.

I GUESS
I DON'T HAVE
MUCH ARM STRENGTH
LEFT AFTER NOT GOING
OUTSIDE FOR
FIVE YEARS..

CLICK

FOR NOW,
LET'S JUST SEE WHAT'S
INSIDE.

CHHH

HUH...?





WHAT'S
ALL THIS...?



A close-up of a man with dark hair and a mustache, looking extremely shocked or distressed. His eyes are wide open, and his mouth is agape, showing his teeth. A speech bubble is positioned above his head.

SOME
LUNATIC...!



A large pile of various discarded items, including cardboard boxes, metal cans, and other debris. A speech bubble is positioned above the pile.

GATHERED
ALL OF THE STUFF
THAT I'VE THROWN
OUT AND SENT IT
TO ME AS A
PACKAGE..?!



A close-up, black and white illustration of a person's face, looking slightly to the right. The person has dark, spiky hair and is wearing glasses. A speech bubble is positioned near their mouth.

YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT LIFE IS
GOING TO BRING
NEXT..



A small, circular speech bubble with a pointed tail, containing the text 'HUH..?'.

HUH..?



A black and white illustration showing a hand holding a rectangular photograph. The photograph depicts a person standing in a landscape with mountains in the background. To the left of the photograph, a speech bubble contains the text 'THIS IS..'. The background of the illustration is filled with various objects, including a bottle, a cup, and some papers.

THIS IS..

JHEE
KIM..?



SHE WAS
THE FIRST GIRL
THAT I ASKED OUT
WHEN I WAS
AROUND 20..

SHE REJECTED
ME SO HARSHLY
THAT I HAVEN'T EVEN
SPOKEN TO WOMEN
SINCE THEN.

BUT WHAT'S
THIS DOING IN
HERE_?



To be continued..